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EDITORIAL

Finally, I am proud to announce the first issue of *Amphibian & Reptile Conservation*!!! The work has been under construction now for over 1 1/2 years with many improvements and refinements being added. It is my hope that this publication will become a valuable tool for conservation and in educating people about the need to preserve our herpetofauna heritage.

It was my vision to publish a journal about amphibian and reptile conservation that would appeal to as many people as possible while consisting of the best science available. In the past this would have meant publishing a science journal with limited appeal in the private sector. I have always believed that both could be accomplished together; a readable science journal that the public could better understand and enjoy. I think I have accomplished this vision by creating a journal style with elements of a magazine (color photos and pleasing graphic design), scientific information (original data, scientific article format, and respected science authors), and a newsletter type section for all other useful information. The result will be a stronger more educated public who have more time, money, and enthusiasm to contribute to conservation; something that is often in short supply in the conservation community. The professional scientific conservation community is a limited resource and is often strained to its limits. Conservation is too important of an area to limit to these hard working individuals. There is power in numbers. By increasing our readership and their education we will have a greater impact toward helping others do something about the conservation efforts of amphibians and reptiles. Let's not take a back seat to our commitment to educating ourselves and others about what is being done in the field of herpetological conservation. Make a commitment now to become a subscriber to *ARC* and contribute by writing articles, reporting your research finds, loaning your prized photographs, and telling others of this exciting new venue for conservation. What better way is there than this to show your commitment and support for reptile and amphibian conservation?

All of the good will and individual effort in the world will not make *ARC* a success without your help, support, and valuable feedback. What is being done in your part of the world to conserve its herpetofauna? Why not drop *ARC* a line and tell us. Now with computers and the Internet *ARC* is only an e-mail away!

It is my hope that through *Amphibian & Reptile Conservation* we can all unite and make a big difference toward the conservation efforts of amphibians and reptiles worldwide, as well as all life.

With sincere hopes,
Craig Hassapakis

DEDICATION

This journal is dedicated in honor of my grandparents, Alla Mae "Mona" and Lawton Lail "Grandad" Hendricks. Our rides through the countryside, their special friendship and unfailing support for all my projects will never be forgotten.



Lawton Lail "Grandad"
Hendricks
(1911 - 1976)



Alla Mae "Mona"
Hendricks
(1914 -)